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City of Seguin Selects Skate Park Design Firm

Skate Park to be Constructed with New Community Park

SEGUIN, Texas – A new community skate park is closer to reality after the Seguin City Council approved the selection of a design firm at Tuesday's meeting.

The skate park is funded through the 2013 bond election that provided \$4.2 million for a new community park and skate park on the city's west side. In April, City Council approved a contract with Rialto Studio to design and construction administration services for the new community park. A separate skate park firm was to be selected at a later date.

"The skate park firm will only be responsible for designing and building the skate park since this is highly specialized work," Seguin Parks and Recreation Director Jack Jones said in a memo to City Council. "This is similar to how other skate parks projects are built throughout Texas."

Nine firms responded to the City's solicitation for qualifications. City staff narrowed the list to three based on several qualifications including general background, experience, qualification and capabilities. The three remaining firms were asked to submit requests for proposals within a \$385,000 budget for a minimum 10,000 square foot skate park. City staff then selected SPA Skateparks to provide design, build and construction administrative services

for the skate park. The decision to select SPA Skateparks was based on the firm providing desirable illustrative concepts and a timeline in line with the overall park construction.

Seguin City Manager Doug Faseler is now authorized to negotiate a contract with SPA Skateparks.

The new community park and skate park will be located on what is commonly known as the Hoermann property, a 48-acre site located south of San Antonio Avenue and west of North Vaughn Avenue.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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